

VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB - MINUTES

Committee Meeting 10am Wednesday, 15th March 2023 at the Clubhouse

1. **Minutes of February 8th 2023** – approved subject to the following amendment:
6. Green Matters – tree man to quote for removal of dead tree. Quote approved by email and work carried out - £366 including the additional removal of a holly tree.
2. **No Matters Arising not connected with Section Reports**
3. **Correspondence**
Bowls England item to be circulated; still no beginners booklets. Information on New Forest Leagues circulated. NP
4. **Membership** NP
30 men, 10 ladies and 20 Social have re-joined, plus 1 honorary – list given to committee. Enquiries from some potential new members. Linda Watts will come on Taster Days and see if she is fit enough to re-join. New password to website to be issued in due course.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a) Report – sent but not received by Committee (*Post Meeting: found in Committee Spam file*)
Current Account : £6,219.35; Deposit Account £ 7,894.55; Cash in Hand : £40.54. Barry Gatley had sent a donation of £20 – Mike will acknowledge. Jane Roberts' Quiz raised £80. £60 raised from items belonging to the late Jim Scutt. MD
 - b) Electricity – 448 units used since the last committee meeting – cost 79p/unit. Cause for concern and Mike will investigate quartz and infrared heaters. MD
6. **Green Matters**
 - a) Report – sent but not received by Committee (*Post Meeting: found in Spam files*)
Further work carried out on the irrigation system and the overflow pipe is now below ground thanks to Mike Foster and Keith Newman. Geoff Batstone has painted the exterior fence and the equipment shed and will do the benches in due course. Moss areas have been tackled but the type of moss has strong roots which is causing a problem. Insufficient time to remove and re-seed. The sharp sand used to remove worm casts is too coarse and needs sieving first. It was proposed by Phil, 2nd Norman and agreed that we should accept the reduced private quote for £500 to carry out the tining needed. More sharp sand will need to be purchased. Norman drew attention to the fact that Bowls England advisers were available to us if needed. Mike will look at the Acuspray equipment which is malfunctioning. PP
MD
 - b) Treework : The dangerous dead tree overhanging the road has been removed along with a holly tree. Quote required for removing dead branches and reducing and re-shaping large oak tree in corner of the green. Tree believed to have a TPO but contractor is au fait with the procedure. Phil will get a quote. PP
 - c) White boards round the green need re-painting : Barry, Brian, Angela and Mike will do this. BC/BD
MD/AD
7. **Clubhouse & Social Area**
 - a) Electrical – Mike has purchased two proximity switches – one to replace the failed one in the men's toilets and one for the furthest light in the loft. Men's frostat has failed and needs replacing. Ladies frostat keeps being switched off – Keith to mention in a newsletter. MD
KN
 - b) Cleaning – Bob and Sue Child have cleaned the clubhouse carpet and regularly clean the kitchen and the toilets. Agreed the benefits of the additional internal windows in the toilets had made the toilets warmer this winter. Barry has cleaned the windows.
 - c) 2nd coat of paint needed on the paving slabs by the gate. MD

8. **Leagues**
Brian still awaiting information on the Percy Baker and Bowls Dorset league matches. He will chase these up. BD
9. **Fixtures**
Committee agreed that very new players could choose to take part in the Opening Triples or receive coaching on a separate rink – 15th April. AD
10. **Competition Secretary**
Applications forms issued recently, separately from Membership Forms – responses awaited. BC
11. **Club Uniform**
Chrissy H-T is happy to continue to take responsibility for the clothes. Angela had received an email from provider, Zapkam – to be noted in case the current provider does not continue.
12. **Ladies' Section**
Ladies Meeting arranged for Wednesday, 22nd March at 2.30pm. Sue Dooley's idea for an internal Ladies League to be discussed. AB
13. **Publicity**
Keith reported that there were on average 23 visits per day to the website.
Several Newsletters issued.
Cost to advertise on the P.O. noticeboard is £320/year – agreed “no”! The Library is willing to take a poster and leaflets, plus Keith will do posters for other outlets; Norman will laminate them. Agreed we would take a half-page in the “Roundabout” magazine at a cost of £75 and purchase 1,000 A5 leaflets from Vistaprint at a cost of £37.50. Feather flag on hold (£100). It was thought some signage could be added to the tall sign overlooking the Recreation Ground. Keith is keen to look into sponsorship.
Some members are not receiving emails when sent as a group – Norman will liaise with Geoff Symonds. KN NP
14. **Social Events**
Jane's Quiz raised £80; Games Afternoon cancelled due to lack of support; Quiz on 24th March to be run by Bob & Sue Child and Tony Bird; Skittles on 28th March at Hurn Social Club adequately supported. Fay Tunnicliffe will be running the Whist through the summer.
15. **Any Other Business**
a) Potential New Treasurer – it was thought this person could be made an Honorary Member.
b) Spring Meeting – New Treasurer & Secretary required, plus Social Committee.
c) Telephone – New provider required as contract and supplier have expired. After discussion Barry agreed to investigate a new provider, to include a landline. BC
d) Disposal of old tables – Norman agreed to cut up the metal framework so they could be easily taken to the tip. NP
e) Touring Clubs – there had been requests from 2 Bowls Touring Clubs – agreed we were not currently in a position to cope with this. NP
16. **Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday, 12th April 2023 10am** at the Clubhouse
Future Items : Club Leaflet (NP)